



EVENT DATE PRIORITIES

The priority for entering Events for a Condition under Investigation is:

1. **ONSET DATE**
2. **LAB REPORT DATE (same as SPECIMEN COLLECTION DATE)**
3. **DATE REPORTED TO STATE**

When starting an Investigation on a Condition;

1. Enter all Investigation information that is required for your condition.
2. Click on the tab titled Patient on the Investigation page.

A screenshot of the NEDSS web application running in Windows Internet Explorer. The browser address bar shows a URL from cdc.com. The page has a navigation bar with links like Home, Data Entry, Merge Patients, Investigations, Reports, System Admin, Help, and Logout. Below this is a 'View Investigation' section with a 'User: Helen McCarthy' and a 'STAGING' button. The main content area shows 'Patient ID: 20008' and 'Investigation ID: CAS10011000RI01'. There are several tabs: 'Patient', 'Animal Bites', 'Investigation Summary', 'Reporting Source', 'Clinical', 'Epidemiologic', 'Administrative', 'Associated Observations', 'Treatments', 'Associated Vaccinations', 'Notifications', and 'Condition Specific Custom Fields'. The 'Patient' tab is currently selected and highlighted with a red circle. Below the tabs, there is a section for 'BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC DATA' with fields for Name, DOB, and Current Sex. The 'Investigation Summary' section is also visible, showing details like Jurisdiction (RI), Program Area (General Communicable Disease), State Case ID, Investigation Start Date (12/06/2006), and Investigation Status (Open).

3. Under the section titled BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC DATA Enter the EVENT DATE in the order of priority above (onset date if you know it, then lab report date and finally date reported to state if that is the only date you know).
4. Enter the date of birth if it is not already there and then calculate the person's age from the date of birth and the event date. This will give the age of the person at the date of the condition being investigated. See the picture below.
NOTE: The age field will be populated when you open the page but it will still need to be calculated and written over if what is there is incorrect.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Basic Demographic Data' form. The form includes a 'Remove Pre-Populated Data' button and a note: 'The As Of Date is a required field when the Associated Information section contains data.' The form fields are as follows:

- Basic Demographic Data As Of:** 04/24/2006 (mm/dd/yyyy) - circled in red.
- General Comments:** (empty text area)
- Last Name:** Doe
- First Name:** John
- Middle Name:** (empty)
- Suffix:** (empty dropdown)
- DOB:** 12/04/1966 (mm/dd/yyyy) - circled in red.
- Reported Age:** 39 Years (dropdown)
- Current Sex:** (empty dropdown)

Red arrows and text annotations highlight specific fields:

- Complete with Event Date:** (in red text)
 - 1. Onset Date
 - 2. Lab Report Date (Specimen Collection Date)
 - 3. Report to State Date
- Required Fields:** (in red text, pointing to the circled 'As Of' and 'DOB' fields)

5. Submit the information and continue with the Investigation page if not complete.

Editing the patient information within the Investigation:

Note: This refers to “editing” the information after it has already been submitted and you are returning to make corrections or edits.

1. When editing or changing an event date in the investigation to reflect the correct age of the patient at the time of the disease condition you must complete the “Sex and Birth Information as Of” field with the date of onset, lab report date or the date the case was reported to HEALTH.
2. After entering the date you will need to re-calculate the age at the time of the event. See the screen shot below.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Sex and Birth Information' form. The form includes a note: 'The name entered here will be stored as a legal name and the address entered will be stored as a home address.' The form fields are as follows:

- Name Information As Of:** 04/24/2006 (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Last Name:** Doe
- First Name:** John
- Middle Name:** (empty)
- Suffix:** (empty dropdown)
- Sex and Birth Information As Of:** 04/24/2007 (mm/dd/yyyy) - circled in red.
- DOB:** 12/04/1966 (mm/dd/yyyy) - circled in red.
- Reported Age:** 39 Years (dropdown)
- Current Sex:** (empty dropdown)